

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 6D2A85D0-A7F8-42FB-B9F8-740D8C6BD7BB

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1900598.013

**Medium:** Video File

**Creator:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Portuguese

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

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| <b>Classification:</b> | Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. |
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**Excisions:** No excisions recommended

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 19 February 2020

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 19 February 2020

|                            | Components                           | Running time |
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| <b>Feature(s):</b>         | 6D2A85D0-A7F8-42FB-B9F8-740D8C6BD7BB | 0:07         |
| <b>Total running time:</b> |                                      | 0:07         |

### Summary of reasons for decision:

‘6D2A85D0-A7F8-42FB-B9F8-740D8C6BD7BB’ is an amateur video that depicts a man having the tips of his fingers deliberately sliced off by a machete. The violence is abrupt and the effect is shock, and sympathy for the victim. The video is likely to greatly shock and disturb children and teenagers in particular. Footage like this is also likely to have an eventual effect of inuring younger viewers who are still developing emotionally and cognitively, to other real-life suffering more generally. While many adults are also likely to be disturbed by the footage they are expected to have the maturity and experience to appropriately contextualise and objectively assess distressing material such as this. The

Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. A restriction on the publication's availability to adults places a limit on the right to freedom of expression, but this is a reasonable and justifiable limitation given the risk of injury to the public good.